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Chicago Coin Club Chatter

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MEETING

The 804th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held January 8th at 7:30 pm in the Sullivan Room of the Midland Hotel 176 West Adams. Our speaker will be CCC member Carl Wolf, his subject, "The Art of Exhibiting". Please attend and bring a friend.

800th MEETING DIE AVAILABLE

Reduced and slightly altered, our 800th meeting medal die is available for use by CCC members interested in producing personalized medals. For more information contact Pressed Metal Products Ltd. 505 Alexander st., Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1C8

DONATION

The Bolivian Bank Notes sent out in last months Chatter were donated by a CCC member who wishes to remain anonymous. No club funds were spent on this project.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4-Agostino Corona, 17-Steffan Goldfreed, 21-Paul Whitnah, 23-Paul Ginther, 26-Jennie Sochon, 29-William Brodsky.

HELP

I need your articles, ideas, and gripes for publication in the CHATTER. NOW, not later.

Trade dollars topic of report

Three types of trade dollars — Mexican 8 reales, the U.S. Trade dollar and the Maria Theresia taler — are discussed in the latest "PandaGram Bulletin" offered by PandaAmerica.

The article describes how the 412.5-grain U.S. Seated Liberty silver dollars were snubbed by discriminating Far Eastern merchants in the 1860s in favor of the 413-grain Mexican 8 reales. In 1873, Congress authorized the minting of a U.S. Trade dollar that contained 420 grains of silver to correct the advantage the Mexican coin had over the U.S. dollar.

In another article, the extremely short life of the U.S. Trade dollar is compared to the Austrian Maria Theresia thaler which has been struck virtually unchanged, even with the same 1780 date, for more than 200 years.

The dramatic rise in the value of Proof U.S. Olympic gold $10 coins minted in Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco is also discussed in another article.

For a copy of the bulletin or to subscribe, write to PandaAmerica, Malaga Cove Plaza, 426 Via Corta, Suite 300, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. 90274.

Not the same

Postage notes were used in place of small change coinage, and the similarly named postal notes were early versions of postal money orders.

The 803rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by its President at 7:30 PM on Wednesday the 11th of December. The minutes and Treasurer's report for November were approved as read. The Membership approved the changing of the March meeting from its normal second Wednesday evening of the month to Saturday the 8th of March so as to coincide with CICF. The time will be announced as soon as it is confirmed. The Membership declined making a donation to the Mid Winter ANA convention. Membership approval was given for renewing the liability insurance coverage with a new carrier provided the premium didn't increase by more than 10%. The President ruled the Secretary out of order for desiring to read the minutes of the November Board meeting into the official record. The guest speaker for the evening, our President, Saul B Needleman presented a program on The Aspects of British Coinage Denominations which was supported with slides from his collection. Guests for the evening; Martin Borshers and Robert Romberg were introduced as well as second reading and Membership approval into the Club of Emily McKnight. The need for finding a new meeting site was once again discussed. The final figures of 800th meeting medals were announced as follows: (125) antiqued bronze colored, (125) antiqued silver colored, (10) antiqued gold colored (for Club use only) and (35) .999 silver 2 Oz. medals (sold to club members only) were produced with two of each type going into the Club Archives. It was reported that the Cabeen award medals had been successfully concluded with Pressed Metal Products. Die charges had been waived, as well as minimum quantities for the Club, in PMP's desire to produce additional medals for members (see enclosed information sheet). Any use of the Chicago Coin Club die must be approved in writing by the Club Secretary confirming that the individual is a member in good standing. Being able to order only yearly quantities as required, the Club has ordered (2) gold filled medals (First Place Cabeen and CCC Literary award), (1) .999 silver medal for the Cabeen Second Place award and (15) antiqued bronzes for Cabeen Honorary Mention awards and a new Featured Speakers medal to be presented monthly. It was reported that the Mid City National Bank had exhibit space and wished to fill it on a monthly basis. The Club shall provide a placard but each member is reminded that neither the Club nor the bank are providing any form of insurance in the event of loss. It was announced that after many delays the 800th meetings soft cover book was finally available for member pick up (after the meeting), shipment to those who had prepaid for the book and postage would begin immediately and any members who feel that dealers whom they purchase from and might have use for the book in their inventories should be contacted (see enclosed * discounted sales to authorized dealers only). Single book sales for the soft cover are $15.00 with $1.75 postage and insurance if required, payment in advance. The amendment to the By-Laws as presented in November was approved by the Membership. The Archivist presented membership directory lists of 1957 by the CCC and 1964 by the ANA. It was announced that William Baker was stepping down as Secretary as of December 31st with Peter Jorstad being appointed to the position as of January 1st by the president. Exhibits for the evening were: 1985 Reagan Inaugural medal, a cupped Australian florin as featured in Coin World, Moroccan 10 franc note, notes of Mexico & coins of England, Grayland cranberry pickers tokens and supporting literature, a Uraguain 1893/73 1 peso assay test coin, momentoes of the USS Lexington and a 25 schilling 1956 Austrian coin. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

see Feb & Jan 1986 minutes

Respectfully Submitted

William Baker

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held February 12th, 7:30pm at the Midland Hotel, 176 W. Adams St. in the Sullivan Room. Our guest speaker will be CCC Member John Rodriquez, his topic "Legends and Heros on Mexican Coinage". Please attend and bring a friend.

NON NUMISMATIC EXHIBITS

This months meeting should be very interesting. The President plans to limit the business portion of the meeting as much as possible in order to have time for "Special Exhibits". Members should bring examples of nonnumismatic hobbies that they are interested in. Chances are we will have a wide range of topics covered.

ADVERTISING STILL AVAILABLE

Contrary to popular opinion the CHATTER is still accepting paid advertisments from members. The cost is $1.00 per issue for 25 words or less. A business card can be substituted for text.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-Tillie Boosel, 4-Roy Grundy, 16-Volker Dube, 21-William Boss, 21-William Nawrocki, 25-Walter Perschke.

"Our Heritage"

With our February meeting the Chicago Coin Club begins its 68th year. All of us should take a great deal of pride in that record. None of our founding members are with us today, but they remain with us in spirit as we continue to carry on the legacy they passed on to us. Namely that of a fraternal organization made up of common people dedicated to advancing their numismatic knowledge and learning new ways to enjoy the hobby. Sometimes we call in a speaker from outside the Club, but more commonly we learn by teaching each other. Therein lies our purpose and our strength which has kept us one of the strongest and most viable numismatic clubs in the country.

Many new members and even some not-so-new members have little to no knowledge of the Club's heritage. Therefore something new has been added to The Chatter beginning with this issue. It's a page dedicated to "Our Heritage," which recounts Chicago numismatic meetings from 80, 60, 40 and 20 years ago. To those who read this section, will come the knowledge of who we were, what we have become, where we came from, how far we've come and why we are who we are. It's your heritage and it belongs to you provided you claim it. All it requires is that you become familiar with it, value it, cherish and respect it and in return it will guarantee you a numismatic family for the rest of your life.

The 804th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by its Vice President at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday the 8th of January 1986. The new Secretary was introduced. The minutes of the December meeting were read but not approved. An objection was raised to "The President ruled the Secretary out of order for desiring to read the minutes of the November Board meeting into the official record." Voting and discussion were tabled until the February meeting. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Carl Wolf, the club Archivist, was the guest speaker and gave a talk on "How to give a case exhibit". The outline of the address was made available to anyone interested in exhibiting and a copy was given to the club.

see Feb. minutes

A Board proposal reducing membership classifications to just two, was approved. The Board proposals of increasing dues to $12 and $6 respectively for the two categories of membership was defeated. An increase to $10 and $5 respectively was approved and will be effective for 1986 dues.

Guests for the evening, Martin Borchers, Phyllis Johnson, Dale Lukanich, W. Shepard Jr, Joan Widok and Mark Wieclaw were introduced.

Bob Leonard gave the book committee report and a heated discussion of the additional costs ensued. Order had to be restored by the Vice- President. A vote was called and payment of the additional $835.55 to Ares Publishing was approved.

Andy Michyeta reported that display space is available at Mid City Bank. The membership is encouraged to submit interesting, not necessarily valuable, items for the display.

The insurance committee reported that coverage could be renewed with an increase in the premium of no more than ten percent. However, the type of coverage that the club should maintain is still being investigated.

Awards were not presented due to a lack of medals resulting from the manufacturer closing for the holidays. Presentation should be possible at the February meeting.

The exhibits for the evening were: a medieval bronze coin of Hungary, 2- and 5- mark 1934 German commemorative coins, a Swiss medal commemorating the second manned launch to Skylab, a Brazilian silver crown that carries its own pedigree, an Ummayad Dynasty bronze fals and an assortment of publishers' catalogs and books with a few Brazilian propaganda coins.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Jorstad

Members of the CCC are all over the country. Many of you have never met. Why not write in and tell us what's new with you and your area of numismatics ? Perhaps you have other hobbies or interests that other members share. I'll try to match subjects and send information to each party. (Addresses will not be released without permission.)

I'll help start. Anyone know of any old rolleicord or rolleiflex cameras that are for sale? I'd appreciate any leads!

Pete Jorstad, Sec/ Treas.

Dues Increase

At the January meeting an increase in dues was approved. The rates, effective for 1986, are:

Regular membership:	$10.00
Junior membership:	$ 5.00

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MEETING

As in past years our March meeting will be held during the Chicago International Coin Fair. It will be on March 8th at 1:00pm in the New Orleans Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago. Our guest speaker will be CCC member George Lill III. Please attend and bring a friend.

C.I.C.F.

As in past years most local coin clubs will have their monthly meeting at C.I.C.F. CCC member Harry Flower will speak at the Hillside Coin Club meeting. Noted author David R. Sear will speak during the Israel Numismatic Society meeting. Also planned is a meeting of the Russian Numismatic Society. You should take advantage of this opportunity to check out the "competition".

AUCTION FEVER

It is not too soon to start planning for our July auction. There will be no commission charged the buyer or seller. However, the Club will accept donated lots. Please contact Jerry Anaszewicz with your material for sale, or questions.

TRI CITIES

The Tricities Coin Club will hold its annual coin show Sunday, March 23 at the American Legion, 530 W. 61st St., Merriville, IN.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1-Charlotte Nagy, 2-Ann Williams, 3-Jean Bradfield, 4-Edgar W. Keller & Jules Marshfield, 7-James R. Budd & Bruno Rzepka, 8-Louis Bergmann, 10-Andrew P. Oberbillig, 11-George Lill III, 16-Michael Brodsky, Gregory J. Gaskill & Joe Tomasko, 19-Charles J. Ricard, 20-Sidney Bick, 23-Eileen Peterson, 25-David B. Silberman, 29-Arthur C. Allen & Nancy Wilson, 31-Andrew E. Michyeta.

Our Heritage by Carl F. Wolf, Archivist

80 Years Ago:

The 26th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was called to order March 2, with V.P. Enos Veckler presiding. The following were elected to membership: Lester L. Falk, Dr. F.B. Merrill, S.D. Kiger, J.F. Trowbridge, George B. Vail and Dr. B.P. Wright. A decision was made to issue a membership medal and present one to each member, whether corresponding or active. Mr. Larson read a paper on the coinage of Sweden from 1800 to 1805 and Mr. Green read a paper on the coinage of Canada from that same period.

60 Years Ago:

The 85th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held March 3, 1926 and Walter Kempke was elected to membership. Dr. Rackus illustrated a method of making reproductions of coins and medals from which satisfactory photographs could be made. Some of the evening's exhibits were: Mr. Lawless: several scarce hard times tokens; Mrs. Boyer: 20 pieces of colonial currency of Virginia and South Carolina; Dr. Rackus: 1750 Leech money of Laos, a 1453-57 Hungarian ducat counterstamped with the arms of Lithuania and a complete set of 1925 Lithuanian coins; Mr. Sternberg: noble of Henry VI, an 1836 proof dollar, an 1879 Goloid Metric Dollar, and an 1860 pattern $5 in copper; Mr. Josephson: a Pine Tree shilling, an 1805 dime and a Peruvian peso counterstamped for Guatemala; Mr. Davis: varieties of Washington, Liberty and Security cents.

40 Years Ago:

The 325th meeting of the Club was held March 6, 1946 in the La Salle Hotel with President Barger presiding. Elected to membership were: Messers Bailey, Sigband and Pederson and Paul Pennington appealed to the membership to prepare papers for that year's A.N.A. convention. Some of the evening's exhibits included: Mr. Bebee: a complete set of uncut sheet $1 Hawaii notes, a complete set of uncut sheet of $1 African invasion notes, $1 & $10 1880 notes, $1 & $5 1886 silver certificates, $1 1917 legal tender note of Burke and Elliott with signatures transposed, and two Iwo Jima medals; Lee Hewitt: a 10 Mark German prisoner of war note; Cliff Hewitt: a 10 Mark German prisoner wound medal in silver. A 61 lot auction followed.

20 Years Ago:

The 565th meeting of the Club was held March 8, 1966 in the Plaza Room of the Pick-Congress Hotel. Arthur Allen was elected to membership and the program for the evening was an auction. It was announced that members Michael Dolnick, Kenneth Bressett and Jean Bradfield had served on the 1966 Assay Commission. Three members had been "hit" by burglars that month and one was seriously wounded and required 5 blood transfusions. Exhibits included: James Budd: uncut sheets of Baldwin & Dodge currency; Don Doswell: a 1733 ½¢ from the Isle of Man in proof silver.

The 805th Meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by its President at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday the 12th of February 1986. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved with corrections. The January minutes stated that membership categories were reduced to just two. The minutes should have stated that only associate memberships were eliminated. Non-resident membership has not been eliminated. The second correction is the addition of the number of members and guests attending. Thirty members and six guests attended the January meeting.

Discussion and voting that had been tabled from the January meeting commenced. An objection had been raised as to the January minutes containing "The President ruled the Secretary out of order for desiring to read the minutes of the November Board meeting into the official record." The majority of the attending members approved that the minutes should have read " The President refused to let the Secretary repeat the reading of the Board minutes, as they had been read at the last (November) meeting" (Secretary's note: The minutes of the November meeting, published in the December Chatter, contain no mention of reading Board minutes and were approved as read, per the minutes of the December meeting, published in the January Chatter) The President, to settle the matter, agreed to let the Board minutes be read at a future meeting. The March meeting was mentioned as being unsuitable due to its being held at CICF.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. It was moved and approved that the Treasurer's annual report be published in the April Chatter and discussed at the April meeting.

John Rodriguez was the featured speaker and gave a presentation on the Legends and Heroes on Mexican Coinage.

AWARDS were presented: ANA Certificate to Saul Needleman for his December presentation; CaBeen Exhibit Awards to Gerard Anaszewicz (first Place), George Lill III (second place) and Honorable Mentions to Saul Needleman, Harry Flower, Robert Leonard and Charles Ricard; the CCC Literary Award was given to Saul Needleman; and Monthly Featured Speaker medals were given to Carl Wolf (January 1986) and Juan Rodriguez (February 1986).

Guests for the evening, Phillip Gork, David Rodriguez, Sylvia Aruffo and Tom Waicekauskas were introduced.

Carl Wolf requested that members bring 'history buff' friends to the May meeting for the Medals of Waterloo presentation. A motion for providing coffee for that meeting was approved.

Amotion for including the names of exhibitors in the official minutes but deleting the names for Chatter publication was approved.

Exhibits will still be shown at the March meeting, but it was recommended that members not leave their material on the table.

Exhibits for the evening were:

- World stamps depicting Albert Einstein
- Norwood collection Central American Republic gold 1 scudo minted in Costa Rica with Costa Rican validating counterstamp
- Autographed first day covers
- Indian relics, including scrapers, pottery, stunners, arrow heads, baskets and a grandmothers counting stone

- 3 pewter beavers from his beaver collection
- Abraham Lincoln first day covers
- paraphernalia of his beer making hobby
- examples of his hobby of wood carving
- complete set of coinage of the free city of Danzig 1919 to 1939
- examples of CTA bus passes
- mint block, plates and other samples of U.S. postage

The meeting was attended by 20 members and 4 guests and adjourned at 9:40 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary

Special Young Numismatist Program at CICF

For the third year in a row, a special YN program will be conducted at this year's CICF. The program will start at 11 AM in Columbus Hall A-B. Mrs. Florence Schook, National Coordinator of YNs and A.N.A. President,will also be in attendence and will tell everyone how to qualify and apply for future scholarships and awards. In addition to doorprizes for every YN attending, there will be a "play money" auction made of items donated by many Chicago area coin dealers. If you know of any young person who is interested or is willing to become interested in coin collecting, you are encouraged to bring them.

A.N.A. Information Booth at CICF

Once again there will be an A.N.A. Information Booth at the CICF. Although it's always nice to be popular and to see Club members who stop by to say "hello," please remember that this booth is not a Club coat rack nor is it the spot to congregate when you're sort of bored and have nothing else to do. The people behind the table are sincerely trying to recruit new members and answer questions about the A.N.A. and this cannot be done with a crowd milling around the booth.

Collector wants large and small size star notes, all denominations. Please send your list of notes for sale. Marty Vink Box 106 South Holland, IL 60473

ATTENTION
1986 Dues are due !!!

Regular members $10.00
Junior members $ 5.00

C'mon Folks! send in those checks !!!!

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MEETING

The 807th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be held April 9th, 7:30pm at the Midland Hotel, 176 W. Adams St. Our guest speaker is Mr. Kenneth Swab, of the Senate Subcommittee on coinage. Mr. Swabs' subject will be "Prospective Commemorative Coinage". Please attend and bring a friend.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1-Charles Ryant, 3-Minnie Marshfield, 8-Joseph O'Connor, 11-Leif Ronning, 13-Keith Weddell, 15-Robert Leonard, 16-Rolf Knauz, 26-Arlie Slabaugh, 27-Don Valenziano, 29-Sondra Needleman, 30-J. Thomas Nolan.

COIN SHOW

The Morton Grove Coin Club will hold its annual coin show Sunday, April 6th at the American Legion Hall, 6140 Dempster St. in Morton Grove. For years this has been the best one day show in our area, Editor.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Young Numismatists are urged to apply for a scholarship to the A.N.A.s summer seminar to be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For application materials, write to Florence Schook, A.N.A. President, P.O. Box 2014, Livonia, MI 48154.

The 806th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) and was called to order by its President at 1:10 p.m. Saturday March 8, 1986. Club business was passed and the meeting proceeded directly to the featured speaker.
George Lill III gave a slide presentation, with audio effects, on Hyperinflation in Bolivia. At the conclusion of presentation George distributed fitting souvenirs to all in attendance.
A Speaker's Award medal was given to George Lill III for his presentation that day.
Guests that signed in, and whose signatures were legible were:

Neil Shafer	Gail Shafer
Jim Koutsouros	Phyllis Johnson
George C. Dunn	George Ensign
Jane Hulchins	Florence Schook
Clayton Grant	Clifford Christa
Karen Santini	Courtney Coffing
Arlyn Sieber	

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary

During the Great Depression of the early 1930s, many communities across the country experienced great shortages of cash. The use of scrip sprung up all over. Although usually made of paper, examples exist which were made of wood, leather, rubber and even clam shells.

Throughout this time the numismatic journals would print articles dealing with the scrip in use. The following article appeared in the January, 1933 issue of the Numismatist and is reprinted here through the courtesy of the American Numismatic Association.

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OHIO FARMING SECTION USES SCRIP

Scrip is in successful operation in Yellow Springs (Ohio) farming area and business is thriving on it. The "substitute currency" is provided by a joint stock corporation, and the principles involved are so intriguing to economists that Dr. Irving Fisher, of Yale University, recently visited Yellow Springs to study the system, and gave it an endorsement. It works like this:

A farmer having 100 bushels of potatoes, but no cash, wants a carpenter to repair his barn. The carpenter, perhaps otherwise unemployed, is willing to take his pay in commodities, rather than cash, but does not want only potatoes. So the farmer sells his potatoes to the exchange, which pays him in scrip, the farmer then hires the carpenter, paying wages with this scrip and the carpenter spends the scrip at the exchange. buying potatoes or other things he needs. If either the carpenter or the farmer has some scrip left over he can keep it indefinitely and spend it any time he wants to.

Scrip of the Yellow Springs Exchange is issued on parchment bond paper in denominations of 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, $1 and $5. So popular has the store become that it has had to enlarge it's space twice in the last two months. It now has about $1,000 worth of scrip in circulation and is doing about $1,000worth of business a week, about one-third of which is in regular cash. -New York Times

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The French Mint beginning in April will issue gold and silver 100-franc coins commemorating both the Statue of Liberty and the French Revolution.

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U. S. SECRET SERVICE AT MAY MEETING:

The U.S. Secret Service is the governmental agency in charge of counterfiet currency suppression. At our May 14th meeting, an agent from this office will be present and will give a slide presentation on this subject. The meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the Adler Room of the Midland Hotel, 172 W. Adams, Downtown Chicago.

BRING A FRIEND WHO LOVES HISTORY TO THE JUNE 11TH MEETING:

Charles Ricard will be our featured speaker at the June 11th meeting. His topic will be the Medals of the Battle of Waterloo.

Since this topic will have strong historical overtones, the members decided at the February meeting that this would be an ideal meeting for everyone to bring a non-numismatic friend who is interested in history. Our goal is to simply introduce these people to the idea that numismatics can be viewed as collecting historical momentos.

Therefore, we are asking all our members to begin thinking of which friend they plan to invite. You should also begin planning your exhibit for the evening. Of course, we ask that your talk be short and concise as always; but at this meeting, we would like to ask you to emphasize it's historical significance. The more exhibits we have means that we'll be covering more historical events, which in turn means that the chance improves that one or more of our friends may take up numismatics to complement their love for history.

1986 DUES ARE DUE

If you have not received your 1986 membership card then your dues have not been paid. Unless received by May 30th, you will be dropped from membership. Regular membership dues are $10.00 and Junior membership is $5.00. Please pay now.

COIN DISPLAY

The CCC display is up at Midcity National Bank at Halsted & Madison Streets. If your in the neighborhood stop in and check it out.

Our Heritage by Carl F. Wolf, Archivist

The Chatter
May, 1986

80 Years Ago:

The 28th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held May 4, 1906 with V.P. Enos Veckler presiding. De Witt S. Smith and H.O. Granberg were elected to membership and 41 priced auction catalogs were donated to the Society's library. Virgil Brand exhibited a 5 pound gold proof of Victoria and a doubloon with a curious counterstamp.

60 Years Ago:

The 87th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held May 5, 1926 and H. Phelps was elected to the membership. The featured speaker for the evening was R. Edward Davis who spoke of the notes issued by the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Co. He also read some accounts of travelers' experiences on the road in the early 1840's. Under exhibits Mr. Carlsen: a 1080-1086 penny of Cnut the Saint from the Slagelse mint; Mr. Boyer: an 1823 cent, a triobol of Aegina, a $50 slug and an 8 real piece of 1748; Mr. Golding: a large gold medal commemorating the opening of the Kiel Canal; Mr. Josephson: tetradrachms of Athens, Carthage and Alexander, a stater of Corinth and a perfect sheet of Continental Currency issued January 14, 1778.

40 Years Ago:

The 327th meeting of the Club was held May 1, 1946 with Messers Palmquist and Haggenyos being elected to membership. Some of the exhibits for the evening were: Lee Hewitt: a medal of Carl Benz, the German Automobile inventor, a pattern 5 Franc of Geneva by Bovy, struck on a square planchet without a collar, and a pattern dollar of Henri Christophe, King of Haiti; Mr. Saab: a 1906 U.S. gold proof set & 4 eagles in proof; and Mr. Boosel: a 3 cent nickel proof on an incomplete planchet.

20 Years Ago:

The 567th meeting of the Club was held May 10, 1966. The program for the evening was the presentation of 1965 awards. Marjorie Baker who had been serving as the Club's Secretary/ Treasurer for several years was presented with the Medal of Merit. Arlie Slabaugh's fine paper on West Virginia Coal Mine Script was judged the top paper in 1965 and he was presented with the Literary Award. It was announced that member Phil More had just been elected President of the Central States Numismatic Society and Dick Peterson was elected to their Board of Governors. Howard Eisenberg was appointed their Public Relations Director. Under exhibits that evening Harry X Boosel showed 3 1873 trial pieces and Mr. Oakman showed a number of police badges.

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Finds lump

Thomas Jefferson reported finding a lump of gold ore on the north side of the Rappahannock River in Virginia in 1782.

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JUNE 11TH MEETING

7:30 PM, Adler Room
Midland Hotel
172 W. Adams
Downtown Chicago

FEATURED SPEAKER:

CHARLES J. RICARD

"THE MEDALS OF THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO"

On June 18, 1815 Napoleon Bonaparte was defeated at the Battle of Waterloo, thus ending French domination of Europe. The battle is still studied today because of the introduction of new military tactics and historians still speculate what would have happened had the Allied Armies under the Duke of Wellington been defeated.

In addition to battle scenes from several famous paintings, member Charles Ricard will show slides of a number of military service and anniversary medals from this famous battle. Special emphasis will be given to the 5 3/4" medal designed by the great sculptor Benedetto Pistrucci, who incorporated mythological and allegorical figures into a breathtaking design which took thirty years to engrave. Upon its issue sculptors from around the world hearlded it as the world's finest medal - a statement which still stands today! Pistrucci's original model will also be shown by Mr. Ricard, a scholar of Napoleonic History and Classical Mythology for forty-eight years.

BRING A FRIEND WHO LOVES HISTORY TO THIS MEETING:

Since Mr. Ricard's talk will have strong historical overtones which would be of interest to any number of our friends who love history, the members decided at the February meeting that this would be an ideal meeting for everyone to bring a non-numismatic friend who is a "history nut." Coffee and cookies will be served and our goal is to simply impress upon these people that numismatics can be viewed as collecting historical momentos.

Bring an exhibit for the evening and as always, please make it short and concise. What we ask for this particular meeting is that you emphasis your exhibit's historical significance.

Our Heritage by Carl F. Wolf, Archivist

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80 Years Ago:

The 29th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held June 1, 1906, in their meeting rooms at 1123 Masonic Temple. The following were elected to membership: William A. Quayle, Howland Speakman, F.N. Massoth and B.G. Johnson. William Dunham exhibited an excessively rare 1802 U.S. half dime, Theophile Leon showed a $5 gold piece of Schults & Co., and Elmo Simpson showed several fine early U.S. dollars. George Tracy presented a paper on the Russian coins of Peter the Great.

60 Years Ago:

The 88th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held June 2, 1926 in room 1405 of the Hartford Building. A letter which dealt with coin collecting in China was read and a forthcoming publication "history of Banking in Illinois" by Frank M. Huston was announced. Some of the exhibits for the evening were: Mr. Sternberg: an 1851 Augustus Humbert $50 slug; Mr. Davis: a Bryan token and a Belgian medal commemorating the Treaty of Versailles; Mr. Jonas: 3,5, 10, & 20 mark pieces in enameled iron from Thaleam-Harz and a silver coronation medal of Charles I, by Simon; Mr. Grant: an 1800 dollar, half dollars of 1827, '36 & '38, a quarter dollar of 1828, a half dime of 1794, a $3 proof of 1888 and a 1873 gold proof dollar; and Mr. Josephson: a number of scarce original Indian Peace Medals, three of George III, one with lion and wolf reverse, others with Presidents Pierce, Monroe, Filmore, VanBuren & Jackson, the American Fur Company and the Union Fur Co.

40 Years Ago:

The 328th meeting of the Club was held June 12, 1946 in Y.M. C.A. Building with Messers Vinicky and Cartmell being elected to membership. Mr. Kopicki was the featured speaker on the topic of numismatics in Chicago and Illinois. His talk was supplemented by a large number of Chicago store cards, uncut notes and certificates. Some of the exhibits were: Mr. Saab: odd and curious money, gold and silver bullet money of Siam; Mr. Hewitt: a large number of Chicago store cards; Mr. Smedley: a large size $5 note of German American Bank of Pekin, IL and a brass medal from the 1902 Illinois State Fair; and Mr. Barger: various Clearing House Certificates.

20 Years Ago:

The 568th meeting of the Club was held June 8, 1966 on the second floor of the Pick-Congress Hotel with an auction scheduled as the evening's program. The A.N.A. Diamond Jubilee Convention was about 2 months away and no doubt long discussions were held at this meeting to be certain everyone was ready. Only one exhibit was given and it was done by Donald Doswell which was a silver As of Antoninus Pius issued to commemorate the conquest and occupation of Britain by Rome.

The 808th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday May 14, 1986 by its Vice-President. Guests for the evening were Richard S. Butt, Phillip Gork Jr, Bernard L. Schwartz, and Tom Waicekauskas.
The minutes were approved with one correction. Mr Swab was from the House subcommittee, not the Senate subcommittee. The treasurers report was approved as read.
The guest speaker for the evening was Walter Markley of the U.S. Secret Service. The presentation was on counterfeit currency and included several specimens of confiscated counterfeits.
First readings for prospective members . Richard S. Butt
Bernard L. Schwartz
A motion was passed to obtain a table at ANA Milwaukee to promote the Club. Cost of the table is 40 dollars.
Exhibits for the evening were:

- Great Britain's new 1 pound coin and article
- Hawaiian notes
- Coins of meievial Serbia.

The meeting was attended by 13 members and 5 guests and was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/ Treasurer

1986 DUES ARE DUE

If you have not received your 1986 membership card, your dues have not been paid. Unless dues are paid, this will be your last Chatter, and it will be recommended at the next Board meeting that you be dropped from membership.

Regular membership		$10.00
Junior	"	5.00
Non resident	"	7.50**

**- Source- June and July minutes

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3-Edgar W. Lister, 11-Joseph Hudson, 12-Rosalind Ryant, 13-Dale H. Gartin, 17-Elaine Pierson, 22-Paul W. Igelman, 26-Joseph E. Merkel, 27-James A. Simek

Two of the hottest coins on the current market are the 1986 Statue of Liberty gold coins of France, left, and the United States.

1985 TREASURER'S REPORT

TOTAL NET WORTH, DECEMBER 31, 1984		$ 5357.84
RECEIPTS		
800TH MEETING BOOK SALES	1303.25	
800TH MEETING BOOK DONATION	5000.00	
800TH MEETING MEDAL SALES	1860.25	
800TH MEETING BANQUET DONATIONS	813.00	
800TH MEETING BANQUET TICKETS	1695.00	
800TH MEETING PICTURE SALES	64.00	
REFUND PRESSED METAL INC.	21.22	
DUES	316.00	
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT INTEREST	449.71	
AUCTION PROCEEDS	175.75	
OTHER MEDAL SALES	131.00	
OTHER DONATIONS	32.50	
MISCELLANEOUS	57.25	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		11918.93
DISBURSEMENTS		
800TH MEETING BOOK EXPENSE	3236.43	
800TH MEETING BOOK REFUNDS	60.00	
800TH MEETING MEDAL	2698.25	
800TH MEETING BANQUET	2369.88	
CHATTER PRINTING & POSTAGE	818.39	
MONTHLY MEETING ROOM	206.00	
INSURANCE	140.00	
DUPLICATING & POSTAGE	144.56	
REIMBURSEMENTS SECRETARY/EDITOR	100.00	
ANA DONATION	25.00	
ANNUAL REPORTING FEES	15.00	
P.O & SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX	22.50	
MISCELLANEOUS	145.64	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		9981.65
NET RECEIPTS		1937.28
TOTAL NET WORTH, DECEMBER 31, 1985		7295.12
ACCOUNTABLE FUNDS:		
CHECKING ACCOUNT		418.88
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		6876.24
		7295.12

AUDITORS

JOEL J. REZNICK

CHARLES RICARD - Charles J. Ricard

SECRETARY/TREASURER

WILLIAM A. BAKER William A. Baker

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held July 9th at 7:30pm. It will be held in the Adler Room of the Midland Hotel, 172 W. Adams, downtown Chicago. Please attend and bring a friend.

AUCTION FEVER

This months' meeting will feature the annual members benefit auction. It is not too late to include your sale items. Just bring them to the meeting.

AUCTION '86

Speaking of auctions, once again Chicago will host the "Apostrophe Auction". Two thousand lots of the nicest material you can imagine. The date of the sale is July 25th & 26th and it will be held at the Hyatt Regency.

JULY'S BIRTHDAYS

1-Barbara Goldfreed, 4-Chester Poderski, 8-George Lill IV, 9-Aubrey Bebee, 10-Dennis Forgue, 13-Gerard Anaszewicz & Glenn B. Smedley, 15-Charles Farmer, 23-David F. Kunca, 24-William M. Shepard, 25-Harry Glassenberg, 27-Kurt E. Eckstein & David E. Simpson.

ANACS submissions down

The American Numismatic Association Certification Service graded 2,600 fewer coins in May than a month earlier while other major grading services increased the volume or stayed the same.

ANACS Director Rick Montgomery said ANACS graders/authenticators graded 8,400 coins compared with the 11,000 to 13,000 estimated for April and the 15,000 in March.

Officials of the Professional Coin Grading Service of Newport Beach, Calif., report PCGS graders graded 20,000 coins in May compared with 20,000 to 25,000 in April. PCGS guarantees its grades (in one-point increments from Mint State 60 to MS-70) and provides subscribers with more than 30 dealers located throughout the United States who guarantee to purchase PCGS-certified coins at the grades stated on the certificate, sight unseen. PCGS was launched in early 1986.

Mike Sherman, from the Dallas-based, private Numismatic Certification Institute, said that NCI graders examined 7,660 coins in May compared with 5,500 to 6,000 in April.

As of April 1, ANACS introduced a new flat authentication and grading fee schedule. The change increased the minimum fee from $12.50 to $20 but reduced the cost of examing more valuable coins, which reached a maximum of $320 under the earlier schedule. That earlier schedule charged ANA members $10 for authentication and $10 for grading plus a charge of $1 per $1,000 of value for each coin submitted to cover postage and insurance costs. Non-members paid a flat fee of $12.50 plus postage and insurance costs for the services.

Our Heritage by Carl F. Wolf, Archivist

80 Years Ago:

The 30th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held July 6, 1906 with a large and enthusiastic attendence. Farran Zerbe and Richard Lambert were elected to membership. The following exhibits were given: William Dunham: a shekel of Simon Maccabeus, Judea year 2, 140-139 B.C.; Virgil Brand: an impression in gold of the 1822 3 gulden piece of the Netherlands; George Tracy: a 1632 thaler of Brabant with counterstamp of Alexis Michaelovitch of Russia and a 1726 Russian 5 kopeck plate money.

60 Years Ago:

The 88th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held July 7, 1926 with V.P. Josephson presiding and Burton H. Saxton of Sioux City, Iowa was present as a guest. The death of member Virgil Brand was announced and his work as a numismatist was was discussed. Some of the evening's exhibits were: Mr. Kopicki: the Sesquicentennial commemorative coins; Mr. Sternberg: an uncirculated 1824 dime; Dr. Luttenberger: 2 varieties of the 1803 $10 gold pieces; Mr. McKinley: bactreates of the Bishop of Bamberg, 1177-1251, of Rupert II, 1340-1398, and of Rupert III, 1398-1410; Mr. Brown: newly issued coins of French Morocco and 1677 siege money of Christianstad, 2 & 8 skilling coins in copper and 4 & 8 skilling coins in lead; and Mr. Davis: notes of 50¢, $1, $2, $3, $5, $10 & $20 issued by the Bank of Edwardsville in 1819, some of the earliest notes issued in the Illinois.

40 Years Ago:

The 329th meeting of the Club was held July 10, 1946 with 65 in attendence. It was reported that Harry X Boosel had returned to Europe in a governmental capacity. Del Grant provided the program for the evening be conducting an "Information Please" exercise with all members taking part in answering a series of questions pertaining to numismatics. The evening's exhibits were: Mr. Saab: ancient Greek and Roman coins, and a complete set of Rumanian gold coins and 10 & 20 gold lire gold coins from San Marino; Mr. Brown: Coins of Japan and the Philippines; Dr. Sigband: the original St. Gaudens letter regarding placing the motto on the $20 gold piece.

20 Years Ago:

The 569th meeting of the Club was held July 13, 1966 with the guest speaker being M.W. Johnson, a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Johnson tried to shed some light on the role the Bureau was playing in coin theft preventions which were taking place in Chicago. George F. Petr was elected to membership. Some of the exhibits were: Gerda Birkholz: 2 silver medals; Don Doswell: 4 ancient coins; Howard Eisenberg: a photograph of an old Club banquet; Mrs. Jonas: a 9 piece proof set of George VI, an 8 piece set of Irish coins, a collection of 34 Presidential spoons; Charles Ryant: 2 Rhodesian Independence medals; and William Schneider: 6 ancient coins.

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held August 13th at 7:30pm, in the Adler room of the Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams, downtown Chicago. The featured speaker will be C.C.C. Vice President Gerard Anaszewicz, his topic, the coinage of Axum.

BIRTHDAYS

2 William Swoger, 7 William Holm, 9 Leonard Stark, 15 Darrell Prince, Richard Yeoman, 16 Mike Williams, 19 Carl Wolf, 22 Gordon Bird, 23 Thomas Michell, 26 Tom DeLorey, 31 Clarence Wills, Simeon Wilson.

The 815th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30, on Wednesday, July 9, 1986. The minutes of the prior meeting were not read but were approved as printed in the Chatter. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

It was voted to drop from membership all those that had not paid their 1986 dues by July 31, 1986.

A first reading of membership application was held for David Henkle. A draft of the revised By-Laws was submitted for the board to review.

It was voted to no longer include in the minutes the number of members and guests attending the meeting. Approval was also voted for the purchase of wooden nickels for ANA Milwaukee.

Guests for the evening were: Phyllis Johnson, Robin Phillips and Mirko Blesich. Exhibits for the evening were:

Five French Feudal coins; an almost complete set of 1873 Russian silver coinage; Fantasy brothel tokens; Two German medals; a Melgarejo 1866 Viacha medal as struck and another as worn; an 1813 English token with double struck legend; an original copy of a song sheet entitled " How are your Green Backs "; and a 1943/2 Jefferson nickel.

The meeting was then adjourned, to be followed by the Club auction.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary/ Treasurer

Our Heritage by Carl F. Wolf, Archivist

80 Years Ago:

The August, 1906 minutes of the Chicago Numismatic Society did not appear in The Numismatist.

60 Years Ago:

The 90th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held August 5, 1926. Much discussion took place regarding the upcoming A.N.A. convention in Washington. The evening's exhibits were: Mr. Davis: a number of fine early half dollars and early cents; Mr. Sternberg: an uncirculated 1796 $5 gold piece; Mr. Glunz: 1795 & 1803 dollars, and an 1826 half dollar; Mr. Wilson: a six inch McKinley hard-money token; Mr. Josphson: a gold medal of Martin Luther and 4 small gold coins of Phillip of Macedonia; and Dr. Luttenberger: both types of the Goloid metric patterns and some rare European crowns.

40 Years Ago:

The 330th meeting of the Club was held August 7, 1946 with 76 in attendence. Marvin R. Spearston was voted to membership and Messers Rayson, Grant, Pennington and Klein were appointed to vote the Club's ballot in the upcoming A.N.A. election. M. Vérnon Sheldon provided entertainment for the evening by showing slides of a great many rare coins. Some of the exhibits included: Mr. Bebee: 5 different types of St. Gaudens $20 gold pieces and several different uncut sheets of currency, including an uncut sheet of 3¢ fractional currency; Mr. Molnar: 4 Swiss shooting medals; Mr. Saab: gold coins of Austria, Great Britan, Germany, Italy, France, Tunisia, Yugoslavia, all in large denominations; and Mr. Barger: several different curious Chinese coins.

20 Years Ago:

The 570th meeting of the Club was Held August 10, 1966. It being the last meeting before the upcoming A.N.A. Convention which the Club was hosting, most of the meeting was spent discussing important business matters. The exhibits for the evening were: Dennis Anderson: 2 gold backed notes in uncirculated condition; Howard Eisenberg: the Governor's Proclaimation recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the A.N.A. and an A.N.A. program booklet; J. Thomas Nolan: Club 500th meeting medals in gold, silver and bronze; Frank Zaylik: a 966-1966 medallion commemorating 1000 years of christianity & coins of Poland.

"Drop by tonight; I'll show you my collection of sliders!"

The Midwest Historical Research Society is the name of a Chicago treasure hunters' organization formed in 1970, which now boasts more than 100 members.

The club meets 11 times a year on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11 a.m., at the Brickyard Shopping Mall, Narragansett at Wrightwood in Chicago.

Activities planned for the future include an annual club hunt, a forest preserve clean-up and a geode hunt.

More information about the society's activities can be obtained from its chairman and newsletter editor, Sara Selbs, 5209½ S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60632.

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held September 10th at 7:30pm, in the Steinborn Room on the Second floor of the Midland Hotel, 172 West Adams Street, downtown Chicago. The featured speaker will be Mr Ira Polikoff of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

BIRTHDAYS

2-John Wilson, 6-Gerda Birkholz, 7-James McMenamin,9-William Pettit, 11-Denis Davis and Leah Klein, 16-Richard Sheppard, 18-Michael Dolnic, 21-Russell Rulau, 22-Donald Kagin and Florence Smedley, 24 Michael Pesha, 25-Roger Hurdlik Saul Needleman and Donald Urchel. Harry X Boosel was omitted in error last month.

AUCTION!AUCTION!AUCTION!

The Club is instituting a monthly member benefit auction. Consignments are acceptable in advance and will be sold in the next available auction. Only ten lots will be auctioned per month and listed in the CHATTER. Grades will be given but for information only. Questions and consignments should be given to Gerry Anaszewicz. His daytime phone number is 372-3040.

AUCTION 86-1

1 Canadian tokens, 1842 and 1844 Half Penny, 1854 Penny. VF
2 U.S. Two Cent piece, 1865 Variety 3. XF spotty.
3 Great Britan William 4th Bronze Penny 1831. VF
4 Jordan King Hussien Bronze Ten Fils 1978. Unc.
5 Russia Alexander I Bronze Two Kopec em 1812. F
6 Chicago trade token, Goldblat Brothers Half Cent. VF
7 German States, Saxony 1/6 Taler 1763. VG
8 U.S. Mint Set 1972. Unc.
9 Genoa Conrad third Silver Denier, 12-13 Century. XF
10 U.S. Ike 40% Silver Dollar 1972-S. Unc.

Ben Odesser is doing much better now and sends the Club his thanks for the nice card. We hope to see him and you at the meeting.

Our Heritage by Carl F. Wolf, Archivist

80 Years Ago:

The 32nd meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held September 7, 1906 in the Society's meeting rooms at 1123 Masonic Temple. P.M. Wolsieffer and Armin L. Egger were elected to membership. Everyone in attendence were presented with a 1906 U.S. Minor Proof set and George Tracy presented a paper on the silver coins of Peter the Great of Russia. Under exhibits Mr. Tracy showed a number of siege pieces and necessity money. Virgil Brand exhibited some rare Russian roubles, a quintuple thaler of Brunswick, a siege piece of Lindau and a set of New Danish West Indian coins.

60 Years Ago:

The 91st meeting of the Chicago Coin club was held September 1, 1926. Those members who had attended the Washington A.N.A. Convention reported on it's activities: William Dunham - the convention program and exhibits, Charles Markus, the newly elected Chairman of the A.N.A. Board of Governors, - impressions of the general activities, Mr. Sternberg - the visit to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Mr. Lawless and Wilson also spoke about their impressions. Under exhibits Mr. Carlsen brought a new publication on Danish and Norwegian coins, which described all issues and varieties from 1448 to 1923 and contained 51 plates of excellent illustrations. Other exhibits included: Mr. Brown: the new 50 para, 1 & 2 dinars in nickel issued by "Jugo-Slavia"; Mr. Sternberg: an uncirculated 1824 quarter; Mr. Kopicki: a first issue $1 greenback; Mr. Josephson: a gold sovereign of Elizabeth I, 1587-91: and Mr. Markus: $50 slugs of Sugustus Humbert and the U.S. Assay office.

40 Years Ago:

The 331 meeting of the Club was held September 4, 1946 in the Lyon & Healy Building with 70 in attendence. Mr. Kurtzborn and Sebesta were elected to membership and Messers Klein, Green, Brown, Saab, Powills and Lamb reported on the recent A.N.A. convention at Davenport, Iowa. Featured speaker, William Rayson presented a talk on the history of English coinage which was a "royal entertainment for all present." Exhibits for the evening were: Dr. Reich: medals of Charles II and William III and others; Mr. Brown: military currency of Japan; Mr. Klein: a complete set of Panama Pacific gold coins and a complete set of commemorative gold coins; Mr. Saab: a complete set of U.S. cents, including the large cent, Flying Eagle, Indian Head and Lincoln cents with only the 1797 stemless wreath missing; Mr. Ostrander: crowns from Russia, Japan and Hungary.

20 Years Ago:

The 571st meeting of the Club was held September 14, 1966 in the Plaza Room of the Pick-Congress Hotel. It was announced that 3 Club members had been recipients of exhibit awards at the recent A.N.A. convention. They were: Arlie Slabaugh, Bruno Rzepka and Don Doswell. Michael Dolnick, a Past-President of the Club, was also awarded with the A.N.A. Medal of Merit. It was also announced that 8 days prior to the meeting the ground breaking ceremonies were held for the A.N.A. permanent headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Our Heritage

by Carl F. Wolf
Club Archivist

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80 Years Ago:

The 44th monthly meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held on September 6, 1907 at the Society's meeting rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple. Vice President Enos Verkler presided with 10 members present. H.T. Folger and George F. Roberts were elected to membership. Theo. Leon and Ben Green, who had attended the American Numismatic Association convention in Columbus, Ohio earlier in the week, related to the membership on its proceedings. Exhibits were given but not listed in the report.

60 Years Ago:

The 103rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 7, 1926 at the Brevoort Hotel with 31 members present. As President Boyer was in France, V.P. Josephson presided. The 2 guests for the evening were Joseph Barnet of New York and Mr. Hunter, the president of the Chicago Philatelic Club. J.C. Betz and Joseph Ciszewski were elected to membership. Secretary Davis reported on several interviews with representatives of the State Bank of Chicago relative to securing replicas of coins to be used in ornamenting their new bank and the loan of specimens which would be exhibited from time to time. Mr. Duham, Sternberg and Wilson reported on the recent A.N.A. convention they had attended in Hartford. Conn. Some of the evening's 11 exhibitors were: Mr. Gammell: set of proof nickels, 1906 to date; Mr. Cederlund: 5-franc siege money of Cattaro, and 4, 2, and 1 ounce siege pieces of Zara, all struck in 1813; Mr. Strubinger: a half cent of 1793; Mr. Phelps: Panama-Pacific $2 1/2, 4 Illinois half dollars, an 1877 half dollar and a 1/2 dime of 1853; Mr. Brown: new issues for Albania, 1 lek to qinder leku; and Mr. Davis: Pitt token, Franklin Press cent, Kentucky cents, Talbot Allum and Lee cents and electrotypes of some rare colonial coins.

40 Years Ago:

The 343rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 3, 1947 at the Museum of Science and Industry at the invitation of Museum President Major Lenox R. Lohr. Major Lohr addressed the Club that evening on the subject of hobbies and man's instinct for collecting. H.A. Seaby from London was in attendence and he addressed the Club on English coin collectors and could not help but comment on the high attendence of 96 that evening. One of the evening's exhibits was Major Lohr's 4 cases of pattern coins. After the meeting the exhibition hall was opened and the members viewed Major Lohr's antique automoblie collection.

20 Years Ago:

The 586th meeting of the Club was held September 13, 1967 with 37 persons in attendence. The speaker for the evening was William Pettit who addressed the Club on the subject of the first 1892 and first 1893 Columbian half dollars struck and the story behind why they reside in Chicago museums. Much discussion took place regarding the upcoming P.N.G. show where the Club would handle the exhibits and registration.

A PIECE OF CHICAGO HISTORY FROM LEVEL & CO. BANKERS

Several years ago Jimmy Kazor, then Secretary of the Illinois Numismatic Association, passed on to me a packet of old cancelled checks. He tells me that member Ben Odesser had given them to him. One is enclosed for your collection.

There were two types in the packet, but all were from Level & Co. Bankers, 147 - 149 Van Buren Street. All were issued and cancelled between 1898 and 1901. If you notice, all have the appropriate revenue stamp. Checks were taxed at 2¢ each during this era. Some have a red stamp affixed, not unlike a regular postage stamp. Others have the stamp in the center printed lightly in gold ink.

Collecting cancelled checks is a branch of numismatics. Commonly, they are collected by city or state during a certain era. Others collect them by date, oftentimes the same month and day of their birthday. Surnames the same as yours, vignettes, revenue stamps, famous signatures are just a few more ways these historical documents can be collected.

Will they ever be worth anything? Probably not, depending on how you view it. How much is it worth to you to be entertained and amused for hours as you assemble, rearrange and catalog a collection of these pieces? Ask yourself how much you pay now to entertain yourself at a play or movie, plus a night on the town. That's not cheap either. If you add it up, building a cancelled check collection would probably be less costly, more educational and more relaxing than many other forms of entertainment you now enjoy. But, we will let you be the judge of that.

Incidently, a small amount of research was done on Level & Co. Early Lakeside Directories of Chicago show that J. S. Level was the President of the Chicago Stock Yards and Transit Co. and was a resident of the Metropole Hotel, 122 Monroe. A number of the checks were made payable to the Metropole, no doubt to pay his rent. It is impossible to get a fix on how much he paid, which might have been rather amusing, because the amounts vary. Perhaps, they relect meals, valet services, etc.

If you are interested in completing more research on Level & Co., the Chicago Historical Society and the Chicago Clearing House would be good places to start. As a tip, be aware that the address numbers do not correspond to present day numbers. Chicago instituted a major street number revision sometime after these checks were issued.

Carl F. Wolf

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MEETING

Our meeting will be held October 8th at 7:30pm, in the Steinborn Room on the second floor of the Midland Hotel 172 West Adams Street, downtown Chicago. Our featured speaker will be the recently married CCC member Joe O'Conner. His subject, U.S. Commemorative Coins.

BIRTHDAYS

10-Harry Schwimmer, 12-Glen Hudrlik and Frank Zaylick, 13-Bernard Schwartz, 14-Joel Reznick and Marcella Sheldon, 15-Frank Malinowski, 16-Harry Flower and Paula Rezutko, 17-Margo Russell, 18-John Manus, 19-Phillis Eisenberg and Chester Mithals, 21-Emanuel Frazin.

AUCTION 86-2

The following lots will be offerred for bids at the October Meeting. Further consignments are accepted anytime.

1. U.S. 1971-S mint sealed Ike $1.00 Unc.
2. U.S. 1974 Bicentennial Medal (John Adams)
3. Chicago Coin Club Token - 1959 Fall Festival
4. Great Britain - 1710 Queen Anne - Two Pence VF
5. Illinois Trade Token (5¢) Cragovich & Son VF
6. Numismatic Journals: 8 Issues-The Centinel(CSNS) 1984&1985
   4 Issues-Mich Matist (MSNS) 1985
7. Israel - 20th Anniversary Specimen Set (1968)
   and 6 Issues (1985) of the Shekel (AINA)
8. Germany, 1921 German Porcelain 25 PF. (Hamburg) AU-UNC
9. Germany, 1921 Porcelain Coin (Bitterfeld) AU-UNC
10. Israel 1979 Official Mint Set

The 812th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30 p.m. September 10, 1986. The minutes for the August meeting are to be corrected as follows:

DELETE: Chicago Coin Club - NLG Best Book Award for the club's book (Saul Needleman has informed me that it was HE that actually received the award, NOT the Chicago Coin Club.)

INSERT: Saul Needleman - NLG Best Book Award for the club's book.

The August minutes were not voted upon. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Guests for the evening were: Tillie Boosel, Irene Garcia and Milton Garcia.

It was requested that larger type be used for the minutes.

The featured speaker for the evening, Mr. Ira Polikoff, gave a talk, with slides, on the new anti-counterfeit devices in the new U.S. paper money.

A first reading was held for Bill Mock.

It was reported that the price of the meeting room at the Midland has increased to $100+ from $67 and that we are therefore in need of a new, preferably free, meeting site.

The membership voted to reinstate five members that paid their 1986 dues after the deadline and had been dropped.

It was voted to write to all people that had ordered and paid for hard cover editions of the club book and offer a free copy of the soft cover edition to keep the order open until the hard cover is produced.

A lengthy review of the proposed by-laws ensued with many changes to be made.

It was voted to print the names of the Board of Governors in each issue of the Chatter.

Payment of up to $100 was approved for award medals.

Exhibits for the evening were:

A wire kopeck of Polish Interventionists in Moscow; Civil War tokens dated 1873; several enameled Maria Theresa thalers; Russian wire money & Spanish colonial macuquinas; Cabbage Society penny token of 1796;sets of Monroe County Bank notes and Rochester NY depression script; and a 1956 ANA/Chicago Coin Club wooden nickel.

The first monthly auction commenced, after which the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Jorstad
Secretary - Treasurer

NOTICE: I need the names of all those that were sent review or author copies of the club book. Please supply the information !!!!

Also needed are names of those people that have ordered the hard cover edition (along with their addresses) to comply with the motion in the above minutes. For control purposes I will handle all such correspondence.

Thank you !
Pete

Our Heritage by Carl F. Wolf. Archivist

80 Years Ago:

The 33rd meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held October 5, 1906, President George Tracy presiding. Chester Dunham was elected to membership. Virgil Brand exhibited an uncirculated gold aureus of Emperor Hadrian and Alexander Severus, and a silver medallion of Anthony and Cleopatra. George Tracy showed a number of superb Russian coins and Mr. Blumenschein exhibited some Chinese and English coins.

60 Years Ago:

The minutes of October 1926 were not published in The Numismatist and the minutes in the Club Archives only go back to 1938. therefore, the happenings of this meeting are lost to us forever.

40 Years Ago:

The 332nd meeting of the Club was held October 2, 1946 with President Barger presiding. Marcella Sheldon was elected to membership and Marie Boyer reminded everyone that the November meeting would be "Ladies Night" and asked everyone to attend and bring the "ladies." The evening's entertainment was provided by all past-presidents in attendence. Interesting reminiscences by Messers. Ripstra, Rayson, McBrein, Lamb and Pennington were enjoyed by all present. Some of the exhibits were: Mr. Pennington: denarius and quadrans of Roman emperors depicting mint implements during the periods of 48 B.C. to 54 A.D.; Mr. Smedley: a 1796 U.S. dollar; Mr. Pederson & Mr. Spearstone: Military medals of France, Germany, the U.S. and others; Mr. Bebee: complete set of Panama Pacific Exposition coins in a case, a gold type set, 100 corona from Austria, Golden Jubilee of Franz Joseph in proof and several complete sheets of Fractional Currency; and Mr. Ostrander: Benjamin Franklin medals in bronze and silver which were issued for the Philadelphia A.N.A. convention.

20 Years Ago:

The 572nd meeting of the Club was held October 12, 1966 on the second floor of the Pick-Congress Hotel. The program for the evening was member Gerda Birkholz who presented a slide talk on the Porcelain Coins and Medals of Germany. William More, Jr. was elected to membership and exhibits were given by J. Thomas Nolan, Mrs. Ernst Jonas, Lee Hewitt, William Hoppe and Harry Flowers.

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Letter To The Editor:

Having been a regular member of the CCC for over 45 years and also having had the honor to serve as President, I find totally abhorant the proposed new Constitution & By-Laws submitted with the September 1986 Chatter and I pray for its rejection.

First of all, no reasons for many 180° changes in our existing document were given. Secondly, regardless if what may have been typed at the top of page 1 of the proposed new document, I am officially protesting any action that may have been taken relative to same at the September 10, 1986 meeting. Please the 10 day notice mandated by Section 2 of Article IX, Amendments, has not been followed. The notice sent to at least two regular members, my wife and I, was postmarked September 5, 1986, which means no binding action could be taken only five days hence on September 10, 1986.

My general comment is that if something isn't broken, don't try to fix it. If some changes appear to be necessary, amend pertinent sections, don't throw out the baby with the bath water. The argument that a Constitution should be periodically rewritten is "hog-wash". Our U.S. Constitution is a point in fact. Those who are responsible for this rewrite, perhaps unknowingly are ignoring history and endowing themselves with a cloak of self-assumed omnipotence. It boggles the mind to think that 150°

second sheets were too light to print.
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FOR THE
NOVEMBER 12TH MEETING, 7:30 P.M.
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11TH FLOOR, ROOM J

When you arrive at the 11th floor, there is only one direction to walk. Take that straight ahead into the cafeteria, then turn right. Follow the hallway and our meeting room is at the end.

New member Bill Mock has put us in touch with the people at the Chicago Bar Association and they are willing to rent us a meeting room for $50. That is half the price we have been paying at the Midland Hotel. Why not attend and help us check it out to see if it will meet our needs.

For those of you who like to have dinner before the meeting, the Marquette Inn is not far away at 135 West Madison and McDonalds just opened a new restaurant several doors east of there.

SPEAKER

Our featured speaker for the evening will be Mr Ira R. Berlin, Archivist for the Northwestern Memorial Group of hospitals. His subject will be Chicago architecture on medalic art. Please attend and bring a friend.

AUCTION 86-3

Thefollowing lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the November meeting. Further consignments are urgently needed and will be accepted anytime.

1. U.S. 1983-S Nickel, 1983-S Dime, 1985-S Dime, Proof
2. U.S. 1982-S and 1980-S Nickel, 1980-S and 1982-S Dime, Proof
3. U.S. 1977-S Nickel, 1977-S and 1984-S Dime, Proof
4. Great Britan Edward The First, 1272-1307, Silver Penny Fine
5. Israel 1980 Official Mint Set
6. New Zeland 1978 Commemorative Dollar, in case of issue
7. U.S. 1853 Three Cent Silver, Good
8. U.S. 1902 Liberty Nickel, Extra Fine
9. U.S. 1877 Seated Liberty Quarter, Good
10. Israel 1967 Specimen Set

Our Heritage by Carl F. Wolf, Archivist

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80 Years Ago:

The 34th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held November 2, 1906 with Virgil Brand acting as President. Frederick Huber, E.P. Douglas and B.W. Tlemppba were elected to membership. Michael P. Carey exhibited his collection of Swedish coins and Mr. Brand showed some rare English siege pieces. Communication was read from Thomas L. Elder who presented the Society with his card in 3 different medals.

60 Years Ago:

The 93rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held November 3, 1926. Dr. Rackus gave a most interesting account of his recent trip to Lithuania and showed portions of two hoards which he acquired while there, one consisting of prehistoric bronze ring money and the other of 2000 silver coins, found in an iron pot, consisting of seventeenth century Polish and Prussian coins. Three speakers entertained those in attendence that evening. Mr. Brown spoke on modern Chinese copper coins, Mr. Davis spoke briefly on Colonial paper money, and Mr. Golding spoke on German porcelain money and gave some amusing accounts of purchases of postage stamps. Several of many exhibits that evening were: Mr. Josephson: 74 modern Chinese copper coins and 7 Chinese dollars; Mr. Markus: 3 types of California $50 slugs; Mr. Carlsen: a set of tokens from Thule, Cape York, North Greenland, used for trade with the eskimos; Mr. Golding: a large collection of porcelain money from Germany, showing nearly all types; and Dr. Rackus: some rare Polish crowns, roubles of Peter the Great, Catherine, Alexander and other scarce Russian coins, some pieces of amber, and several beautiful pieces of medallic work by Peter Rimsa, a Lithuanian artist.

40 Years Ago:

The 333rd meeting of the Club was held November 6, 1946 with Mr. C.G. Franklin being elected to membership. This being Ladies Night, the wives presented a fashion parade, the men being the models and some very interesting costumes were shown to the delight of the spectators. An 8"x10" photograph in the Club Archives exists which attests to the costumes, especially the head gear. Exhibiting for the evening was:Mr. Brown: Coin of Egypt from 1850, Abdul Medjid, to 1944, Farouk I; Mr. Saab: a set of comemmorative U.S. gold, gold coins from Rumanian and San Marino and a set of British crowns with portraits of many rulers; and Mr. Ostrander: crowns of New Zealand, Cuba, Victoria and George V of Great Britan.

20 Years Ago:

The 573rd meeting of the Club was held November 9, 1966 at the Pick-Congress Hotel. Featured speaker, Harry X Boosel gave a talk titled "How to Have a Heart Attack," which no doubt centered around his Chairmanship of the recently past A.N.A. Convention. Adding to the already heavy burden, his son had taken ill shortly before and was in a Miami hospital. Some of the exhibits were: a 1799 English one farthing in proof copper by Donald Doswell; a gold Israel Rothchild Commemorative Medal by Harry Flower; Red Cross meal coupons by Harry X Boosel and an uncut sheet of scrip by Jim Budd.

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C.C.C. BANQUET

Our annual banquet will be held December 10th in the Lincoln Room of the Bismark Hotel, 171 West Randolph. Cocktails from 6:30 to 7:30 are copliments of Ed Milas of Rarcoa. Dinner will be served at 7:30, your choice fish or fowl $15.00.

If you have not made your reservations do so immediately by calling Carl Wolf at 454-9696. Do it now!

PRESIDENTS FAREWELL ADDRESS

The time has come for changing of the guard. Least anyone misunderstand what is being guarded, it is the strong reputation held by C.C.C. in the numismatic community nationally and, partially as a result of our book and medal, internationally. These and the other projects we have undertaken over the past three and one half years of my office have not been the work of any single individual but instead reflect the efforts of many. As always, some found the time and desire to contribute more than others and hence are more deserving of our thanks, but all contributed in a positive sense. Unfortunately, we have experienced attemps on the part of some to disrupt, to remold the C.C.C. in their own likeness. To remain strong, an organization must be dynamic, but at the same time cohesive. We will continue to grow stronger from our recent experiences. Our positive reputation will continue to grow.

To those who have worked so hard with me to further the goals of the C.C.C., I offer my sincerest thanks, and pray for their continued cooperation. To those who have sat back and let others do it, I suggest that you will not gain full value of the Club unless you participate in all it has to offer. To those who held other views than mine, this is the strength of an organization, until that point where the disruptive effect overshadows any possible benefits. There are other ways.

To the new administration, I offer a pledge of cooperation and a wish for success. Time will measure us all.

Saul

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80 Years Ago:

The 35th meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society was held December 7, 1906. The annual election of officers was held with the following results: Pres.: William F. Dunham; V.P.: Enos C. Verkler; Sec.: Ben C. Green; Treas.: F. Elmo Simpson; Librarian: Virgil M. Brand; Curator: Michael P. Carey; Censor: George W. Tracy; and Executive Committee: Messrs. Brand, Tracy and Green. Mr. Tracy exhibited some Russian Provincial coins and Mr. Brand showed a proof U.S. quarter of 1823, the only known in this condition.

60 Years Ago:

The 94th meetng of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 3, 1926 with President Alden Scott Boyer presiding. All officers for the past year were re-lected for the new year. Messrs. Angell, Cederlund and Schlegel were elected to membership. Mr. Sternberg spoke on the varieties of the 1797 half eagles. Some of the exhibits that evening were: Mr. Josephson: a 1794 eagle with the large eagle reverse and Durango and Zacatecas Mexican revolutionary coins; Mr. Sternberg: Uncirculated coins of 1926, which included the half and quarter eagles; Mr. Davis: several pieces of Rosa Americana coinage; Mr. Blomquist: a 2 daler copper plate of Charles XII from 1716 and counterstamped with the arms of Gotha, 1718 and a 1780 double crown of Maria Theresa; Mr. Cederlund: half dollar & dollar tokens from the Songy Diskie estate, an 1812 Spanish dollar counterstamped for the West Indies and a number of early French gold and silver coins; and Mr. Angell: several fine Roman bronze coins, some early U.S. gold coins and some very fine European crowns.

40 Years Ago:

The 334th meeting of the Club was held December 4, 1946 and the new officers for 1947 were elected unanimously. They were - President I.T. Kopicki, V.P. Glenn Ostrander, 2nd V.P. Caroline Merkel, Secretary/Treasurer Earl Brown, and Directors M. Vernon Sheldon, Joseph Reich and Earl Barger. Some of the evening's exhibits were: Mr. Jackson: a 24K gold bar weighing over 3 oz. from the Mexico City Mint; Rumanian comemmorative gold coins; Mr. Pennington: a bronze coin of the Roman Colony of Caesar Augusts showing rites at inauguration of a colony in Spain; and Mr. Ostrander: 20th century crowns from Hungary, San Marino, Belgium and Portugal.

20 Years Ago:

The 574th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held December 14, 1966 and Charles R. Prock of Joliet was elected to Junior membership. The following officers were elected: President Jim Grebinger, V.P. Jim Babka, 2nd V.P. Marty Green, Sec/Treas. Marjorie Baker, and Directors Al Birkholz, August Hausske and J. Thomas Nolan. If there were any exhibits, they were not reported.

BIRTHDAYS

3, Richard Martin, 6, Albert Ivan and Allen Meyer, 7,Louis Reztko and Brian Stubbs, 9, Howard Eisenberg, 11 Philip More, 12 Juan Rodriquez, 14 Bill Grundy, 17 Allen Schechter, 21 Frank Olenicki, 23, Edward Milas, 27, Ben Odesser, 31 Harold Klein.